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(U) Oakland - Possible Explosive Device Outside Oakland Federal Building Determined to be Hoax

(U) A device that looked like a pipe bomb placed by someone near a federal building in downtown Oakland Wednesday was determined to be an elaborate hoax device, authorities said. The discovery of the suspicious package forced evacuations and several hours of street closures around the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building and US Courthouse at Clay and 13th St. FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge John Blair said at about 12:40 p.m. a Federal Protective Service employee saw someone place the suspicious package at the base of a flagpole in a plaza adjacent to the federal building. Just before 5:30 p.m. the Alameda County Sheriff's Office said the bomb squad determined the device was a hoax and that deputies were doing an additional search around the building out of an abundance of caution. The device was designed to look like a pipe bomb, with wires, screws, and a circuit board. The bomb squad was able to x-ray the device and determine it was a fake.

SOURCE: 19 January 2022, CBS

(U) Vista – Man Arrested After Explosive Materials, Loaded Crossbow Found in Car

(U) A man was arrested Monday after deputies found several Molotov cocktails, a loaded crossbow, and other dangerous explosive materials in his vehicle in Vista, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department said. Christopher Lee Fore, 34, who was processed and booked into the Vista Detention Facility, faces charges related to the unlawful possession of an explosive and possessing material with intent to make an explosive. Deputies from the Vista Sheriff's Station responded to a call Monday around 5:30 a.m. about an illegal camper on Ridge Road. According to Sergeant Greg Hampton, of the Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Unit, authorities arrived at the location and found Fore sitting in the driver's seat of his car with a loaded crossbow in the front passenger seat.

SOURCE: 20 January 2022, Fox 5 San Diego

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(U) Minnesota – Boogaloo Bois Member Gets Two-Years in Plot to Attack Minnesota Capitol

(U) St. Cloud – A judge sentenced a St. Cloud man who pledged loyalty to the antigovernment group Boogaloo Bois to two-years in prison for illegally possessing devices that turn semi-automatic rifles into automatic weapons. Michael Paul Dahlager, 27, was sentenced in federal court Tuesday in Minneapolis after pleading guilty in July to unlawful possession of a machine gun. Dahlager was a self-described member of the Boogaloo Bois, the loose-knit organization that espouses antigovernment, especially anti-police sentiment, and is dedicated to exploiting chaos and starting the next American civil war, according to federal authorities.

SOURCE: 19 January 2022, Star Tribune

(U) Tennessee – Woman Pleads Guilty to Terrorism Charges After Aiding Foreign Organization

(U) A Tennessee woman has pleaded guilty to terrorism charges Tuesday after providing support and materials that were intended to go to a foreign terrorist organization. The United States Department of Justice announced on Tuesday that Georgianna Giampietro, 36, of Sparta, pleaded guilty to terrorism

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charges after being indicted by a federal grand jury in August 2019. Court documents show Giampietro admitted she had conversations with an undercover agent in September 2018 and expressed interest in traveling to Syria to join Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham (HTS), a foreign terrorist organization. According to court documents, Giampietro provided instructions to the undercover agent on how to get to Syria while avoiding detection from law enforcement. Instructions included actions the undercover agent should take such as severing ties with people 6-8 months in advance, getting new phones before travel and advising travel through Turkey to get to Syria.

SOURCE: 20 January 2022, WKRN

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(U) Indonesia – Indonesia Jails Militant from Group Blamed for Bali Bombings

(U) Jakarta – A prominent member of an Indonesian militant group blamed for the deadly 2002 Bali bombings was jailed for 15-years on Wednesday for withholding information about jihadist networks and harboring an extremist, his lawyer said. Aris Sumarsono, 58, better known as Zulkarnaen, was a former military commander in Jemaah Islamiah (JI), a Southeast Asian jihadist network with ties to al-Qa'ida. Zulkarnaen had been on the run for almost two-decades after being named a suspect in the Bali attacks. The judge, who could not be named for security reasons based on the country's anti-terrorism law, announced the 15-year jail term after the prosecution had asked for a life sentence.

SOURCE: 19 January 2022, Reuters

(U) Pakistan – Government on High Alert After Attack

(U) Islamabad – The Pakistani government has put the federal capital Islamabad on high alert after a recent militant attack in which an officer was killed and two others injured, police said on Wednesday. Militants often target security forces in Pakistan, but the country's capital has been largely peaceful in recent years. On Monday, two militants on a motorbike opened fire on police officials who were patrolling the city. Pakistan's Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, who on Tuesday attended the funeral of the officer killed in the attack, said both militants were killed during the shootout. The minister did not share more details about the incident, but the proscribed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan issued a statement claiming responsibility for the assault.

SOURCE: 19 January 2022, Arab News

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